MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—The Committee examined some witnesses.

MR. S. K. VENKATARANGA IYENGAR.—Were not opinions elicited from both Hindus and Musalmans?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Yes.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY.—Pending any orders on the Committee's report, will the Government at least take action to prohibit animal sacrifices before temples and on public streets?

DEWAN.—That is a different matter altogether.

Translating the Sacred Religious Works of Hindus and Muslims into Urdu and Kannada, respectively, and prescribing them as Text-Books.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY (Malur Taluk).—

Q.—21. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that, at the October (*Dasara*) Session of 1921, a proposal to promote harmony and good-will between the Hindu and Muslim communities by translating the sacred religious works of Hindus and Muslims into Urdu and Kannada, respectively, and prescribing them as text-books in schools was brought up and that it was promised that the subject, being a laudable one, would be investigated and examined by the Education Department?

(*b*) Whether they have examined this question?

(*c*) If so, with what result?

THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. H. V. RAMASVAMI).—

A.—(*a*) Yes, Government stated in reply that the Education Board was trying to see how far this would be possible.

(*b*) The question was examined by the Board of Education.

(*c*) A book of extracts, compiled from various religious books, has been received in the Department of Education and is under the consideration of the Religious and Moral Instruction Sub-Committee of the Text-Book Committee and the Department of Public Instruction.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—With reference to answer (*c*), how long is it since the book of extracts reached the Department?

MR. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—About six months ago.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Was it not 14 years ago that the Department promised to get suitable books written?

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (MR. N. S. SUBBA RAO).—Yes, but collection of material took time till now.

MR. L. VEMA REDDY.—Will the department expedite further action, now that the book of extracts has been received?

MR. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—A manuscript copy of the book has been received. It has to be passed by a sub-committee of the Text-Book Committee. A meeting of the sub-committee will soon be held and the matter brought to early disposal.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Has no action been taken till now?

MR. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—We have taken action. Two committees have to meet—the Religious and Moral Instruction Sub-Committee, and the Text-Book Committee—and discuss the matter. The meetings could not be held till now on account of the absence of some of the members from station. They will be held next month.

MR. M. A. GOPALASWAMIENGAR.—Have the Department any idea of printing the book and prescribing it as a text?

MR. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—Yes, certainly.

Expediting Acquisition Proceedings in respect of Lands required for Village Extensions.

MESSRS. C. PATTABHIRAMA SETTI (Chiknayakanhalli Municipality); G. KANCHAPPA and MUMMUDI H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA (Chiknayakanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Are Government aware that acquisition proceedings in respect of lands to be acquired for village extensions are carried on very slowly?

(*b*) What is the reason for increasing the amount of 25 years' assessment